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1. There is an airfield approximately three kilometers northwest of Morshansk (N 53-26, E 41-49) between the Ryazhsk (N 53-43, E 40-03) - Penza (N 53-12, E 45-03) railroad line and the Tsna River (N 54-32, E 42-05). The field is approximately two kilometers long and 350 to 400 meters wide. It has a firm grass surface. The field is not enclosed by a fence.
2. The airfield has two concrete runways, each approximately one kilometer long and 50 meters wide. The runways radiate from a concrete circle which has a diameter of approximately 100 meters.
3. In June 1950 the southeastern part of the airfield had already been completed and was in use. Air activity at the field was not great. There were two to four landings of IL-2s and YAK-12s daily. These types of aircraft were stationed at the field but their number was not known
4. In September 1950, on several occasions, four-engined aircraft landed at the field. The type of aircraft was not known

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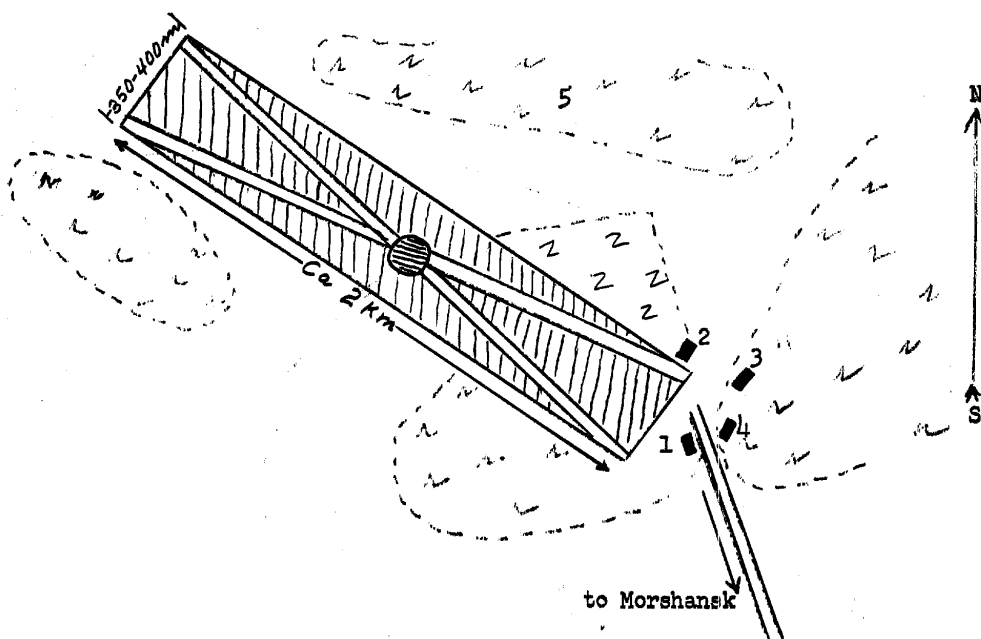
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Sketch of the Airfield near Morshansk

Legend

1. A wooden guard hut approximately 10 meters in length. The hut adjoined a road barrier guarded by a sentry. Most of the guards were Mongols. The number of guards was not known 50X1-HUM
2. A hangar approximately 50 meters long, 20 meters wide, and 10 meters high. It was located at the edge of a wooded area. The hangar was seen from a distance of 150 to 200 meters and appeared to be constructed of steel. The number of aircraft it could accommodate was not known 50X1-HUM
3. A wooden building approximately 40 meters long with a double row of windows. It was located in a wooded area. This building housed the Soviet Air Force and the airfield administration. The number of personnel at the building was not known There was a considerable amount of vehicular and 50X1-HUM pedestrian traffic in the direction of this building. There were telephone connections between this building and the guard hut and Morshansk.
4. A wooden shed approximately 30 meters long used as a garage for motor vehicles. The number of vehicles it could accommodate was not known 50X1-HUM
5. A wooded area in which there appeared to be stores and a fuel depot. trucks and tank trucks driving on the grass (no road) between this area 50X1-HUM and points 2 and 3.

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